GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1877
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STOPPAGES OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plans for having a commercial stoppage of both up and down Agartala-Lumding Express (Train no. 5695/5696) at Bhanga;

(b) if so, the time by which the plan will be implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways are aware that passenger trains have withdrawn stoppages at many stations between Karimganj and Dharamnagar under North Frontier Railway including Kathaltali, causing tremendous inconveniences to the local people for their personal and commodities transportation;

(e) if so, whether any action is being taken to revive the stoppages at these stations; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal for provision of stoppage of 5695/5696 Agartala-Lumding Express at Bhanga.

(d)to (f) Two pairs of passenger trains (one day time and one during night) serve Karimganj − Dharamnagar section. The stoppage of only night service viz. 855/856 Manu-Lumding Fast Passenger has been withdrawn from certain stations due to poor sale of tickets, while the day time service viz. 863/864 Agartala-Silchar Passenger stops at all stations on the said section and is suitably catering to the needs of passengers.

Kathaltali halt station has, however, been closed w.e.f. 09-09-2002 for the lack of commercial justification.